# WHAT ARE YOU INTERESTED IN?

Read each statement below and put a checkmark in the oval to the right of it if you agree.	Brought to you by:
I LIKE TO:	NHCD
work in groups/on teams	New Hampshire Career Resource Network
read scientific or technical journals	New Hampshire Employment Security Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau
work in groups/on teams read scientific or technical journals work independently.	32 So. Main Street (603) 229-4489 Concord, NH 033
help people with problemsplay an instrument or sing	
play an instrument or sing	
follow clearly defined procedurestinker with machines/vehicles	
tinker with machines/vehicles	
be elected to officeanalyze data	
analyze data	
have clear instructions to follow	
work outdoors	
discuss politics/current events	
use data processing equipmentread fiction, plays, and poetry	
read fiction, plays, and poetry	
work with my hands	
win a leadership or sales award	
win a leadership or sales award	
explore a variety of ideas	
work with numbers	
work with young people	
express myself creatively	
sell thingscook	
type on take shorthand	
type or take shorthand	
work on math problems	
be responsible for details.	
campaign politicallytend/train animals	
have power or status	
take photographs	
learn about other cultures	
figure out how things work	
participate in meetings	
collect or organize things	
think things through before deciding	
deal with ideas that are vague	
work independently	
serve others	_
perform lab experiments	
work on electronic equipment	
play team sports	
meet important people	
influence or pursuade people	
have my day structured	
build things	
deal with abstractions	
do research	
do volunteer work	
make decisions affecting others	
work in an officebe physically active	
be physically active	
TOTAL	
See next page for additional information about TOTAL	
your Holland Code.	E C

# **Explore Your Interests-Assess Yourself**

A great way to explore careers is to take an assessment. Assessments are tools to help you discover important things about yourself. Assessments can be based on a variety of things, like your skills, interests or values. What's the best thing about assessments? There are no wrong answers!

Assessments help you think about the types of careers that fit you by providing a broad sense of your career options. If an assessment gives you results that seem really unlikely, don't panic! It got you thinking about what you'd like to do, didn't it?

This assessment is based on the Holland Code. Once completed, you will have an interest profile to match to different career areas.

#### Step 1

Complete the assessment on the opposite page, following the instructions.

#### Step 2

What follows are descriptions for each interest code. Read the descriptions for the codes in your interest profile.

**Realistic:** Doers - People who have athletic or mechanical ability, prefer to work with objects, machines, tools, plants or animals, or to be outdoors. They like to work with their hands. They are often practical and good at solving problems.

Investigative: Thinkers - People who like to observe, learn, investigate, analyze, evaluate or solve problems. They often like to work independently, tend to be good at math and science and enjoy analyzing data.

**Artistic:** Creators - People whose abilities are artistic, innovative or intuitive. They like to work in unstructured situations where they can use their imagination and creativity. They enjoy performing (theater or music) and visual

Social: Helpers - People who like to work with people to enlighten, inform, help, train, or cure them, or are skilled with words. They enjoy

training, instructing, counseling or curing others. They are often good public speakers with helpful, empathetic personalities.

**Enterprising:** Pursuaders - People who like to work with people, influencing, persuading, performing, or managing for organizational goals or economic gain. They like to lead and tend to be assertive and enthusiastic.

Conventional: Organizers - People who pay attention to detail and like to work with data, have clerical ability, and follow through on others' instructions. They have good organizational and numerical abilities.

Conventional people also like working in structured situations.

Now it's time to link your results with the occupational information in the Career Planning Table within Job Notes 2003.

Remember — an assessment isn't the final word! It's only one way to start thinking

about careers. And this interest assessment is only one type available. Other assessments measure different aspects of your personality.

This assessment is based on Dr. John Holland's theory that people and work environments can be loosely classified into six different groups. Different peoples' personalities may find different environments more to their liking. While you may have some interests in and similarities to several of the six groups, you may be attracted primarily to two or three of the areas. These two or three letters are your Holland Code.

For example, with a code of RES you would most resemble the **Realistic** type, somewhat but less resemble the Enterprising type, and somewhat but even less resemble the Social type. The types that are not in your code are the types you resemble least of all. Most people, and most jobs, are some combination of two or three of the Holland interest areas.

Adapted from: <a href="http://www.mncareers.org/start\_exploring.asp?">http://www.mncareers.org/start\_exploring.asp?</a> pageid=se02lmi.mail@state.mn.us



### Realistic "Doers"

#### Are you:

- practical
- frank
- · a nature lover
- · curious
- concrete
- · self-controlled
- · ambitious
- persistent
- · athletic
- mechanical
- · thrifty
- stable
- reserved
- independent
- · systematic

#### Can you:

- fix electrical things
- solve electrical problems
- · pitch a tent
- · play a sport
- read a blueprint
- plant a garden
- · operate tools and machinery

#### Do you like to:

- tinker with machines and cars
- work outdoors
- be physically active
- use your hands build things
- care for or train animals
- work on electronic equipment

# **Investigative**

- scientific
- precise

- analytical

- scholarly
- curious

- · think abstractly
- problems
- understand scientific theories
- do complex

#### Do you like to:

- explore a variety of ideas
- work independently
- perform lab experiments
- technical journals
- abstractions
- be challenged

#### Thinkers"

#### Are you:

- inquisitive
- cautious
- self-confident
- reserved
- independent
- observant

- introspective
- broad-minded
- logical

#### Can you:

- solve math
- calculations
- use a microscope
- program computers
- interpret formulas

- use computers
- read scientific or
- analyze data
- deal with
- do research

### **Artistic**

"Creators"

# Are you:

- creative
- imaginative · unconventional
- independent
- original
- impulsive
- courageous
- complicated
- nonconforming intuitive
- innovative
- emotional
- expressive
- introspective sensitive
- open
- · idealistic

### Can you:

- sketch, draw, or
- paint play a musical
- instrument write stories, poetry, or music
- sing, act, or dance design fashions or

# interiors

- Do you like to: attend concerts. theaters, or art exhibits
- read fiction, plays, or poetry
- work on crafts take photographs be creative
- deal with ambiguous ideas

# **Social** "Helpers"

### Are you:

- friendly
- · idealistic
- outgoing
- cooperative responsible
- kind persuasive
- patient
- helpful insightful
- understanding generous
- forgiving empathetic

- Can you: teach or train others
- express yourself clearly
- lead a group discussion
- mediate disputes plan and supervise

cooperate well with

# Do you like to:

others

an activity

- · work in groups help people with
- problems participate in meetings
- people play team sports

do volunteer work

work with younger

serve others

# **Enterprising** "Persuaders"

### Are you:

- · self-confident
- sociable enthusiastic
- adventurous
- · impulsive · inquisitive
- talkative spontaneous
- assertive
- persuasive energetic
- popular ambitious
- agreeable extroverted

#### optimistic

- Can you:
- initiate projects convince people to
- do things your way sell things or promote ideas
- give talks or speeches lead a group

# · persuade others

- Do you like to: make decisions affecting others
  - or leadership start your own service or business

be the best at sales

- campaign for elected office meet important
- have power or status

people

# **Conventional**

'Organizers'

- Are you: well-organized
- · numericallyinclined
- methodical efficient
- · orderly · thrifty
- structured ambitious
- persistent accurate
- conscientious conforming
- practical systematic polite

### obedient

- Can you: · work well within a
- · do a lot of paperwork in a short time

system

- keep accurate records · use a computer
- write effective business letters
- work with numbers · use a keyboard

Do you like to:

details

collect or organize things

be responsible for

- defined procedures use data processing
- equipment

follow clearly